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**Minutes of the
ILA/ACRL Executive Board
University of Northern Iowa
September 22, 2002**

Present: Jane Campagna, Stephen Dew, Jean Donham, Susan Moore,
Chris Neuhaus, Ellen Neuhaus, John Pollitz, and Linda Scarth.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

John Politz called the meeting to order at 9:40am and announced that Rachel Crowley had been called home due to an emergency. The minutes of the last three meetings were distributed. Stephen Dew thanked Ellen Neuhaus for serving as secretary for the Executive Board Meeting and the General Business Meeting held at Spring Conference. A few corrections were noted for the various minutes. Jane Campagna recommended that the minutes for the April 19 Executive Board Meeting be accepted; Chris Neuhaus seconded; and the motion carried. Jean Donham recommended that the minutes for the April 19 General Business Meeting be accepted and submitted to the Membership at Annual Conference. Ellen Neuhaus seconded, and the motion carried. Campagna recommended that the minutes for the May 3-6 Executive Board Virtual Meeting be accepted; Susan Moore seconded; and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Dew reported that, as of September 10, 2002, ILA/ACRL had \$4,235.75 in its account.

Fall Conference Committee

Politz reported for Kathy Magarrell. The main program at Fall Conference will feature Julie Blixrud and is entitled, "Where's the Evidence? Discovering the Measures that Make Up a Library's Contribution to Student Learning Outcomes." The second program will feature a panel of Iowa Librarians (Jennifer Davis, Jean Donham, and Arron Wings) commenting on the issues raised by Blixrud, as well as other issues related to assessment of student learning outcomes. Politz also announced that four members of ILA/ACRL will be candidates for Director positions on the ILA Executive Board: those individuals are Jane Campagna, Jean Donham, Ed Goedeken, and John Politz.

Electronic Communications Committee

Chris Neuhaus reported that the Committee continues to update the Web site as new information is received, especially directory information, membership information, and links to the State Library Web site. Neuhaus reported that there are 158 individuals currently subscribed to the ILA/ACRL Listserv. The ILA/ACRL Newsletter will be added to the site soon after Steve Ostrem submits it.

Newsletter Committee

John Politz reported for Steve Ostrem. The deadline for the fall issue of the Newsletter is November 8,. Ellen Neuhaus suggested that membership, Web-site, and listserv information be added to each issue of the Newsletter. Ostrem will be informed about the suggestion.

Ad Hoc Committee on Electronic Databases

Politz reported that the Committee has been sitting on its laurels since it compiled a list of databases provided by academic institutions in the state. With large publishers and vendors behaving badly and mergers further complicating matters, the possibility of developing a consortial database project for the state appears unlikely. Politz suggested a possible Pre-Conference topic for next year-the program would concern aggregators/publishers/vendors and how libraries deal with them through contracts, licensing, and the use of alternative resources/services. The Public Library Forum might be approached as a co-sponsor.

Ad Hoc Committee on Information Literacy

Donham reported that the Committee is scheduled to meet October 25 at Iowa State University. The meeting will focus on developing a survey that will measure developments in information literacy across the state. The Committee also plans to disseminate information about best practices in the state. Donham also announced that the Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) will be sponsoring an ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Institute on July 11-16, 2003, at Coe College.

2003 Spring Conference Planning Committee

Politz reported that most of the Committee's membership had been appointed. Mary Anne Knefel is the Local Arrangements Chair. The Committee Chair, however, has not been appointed yet. The event is tentatively set for May1-2 at the University of Dubuque. Scarth suggested a possible topic-"Access to Government Information," which could lead into a fall pre-conference program concerning vendor contracts, licensing, etc.

Nominating Committee

Politz announced that the candidates for ILA/ACRL Member-at-Large are Barbara Allen and Steve Ostrem. The candidates for Secretary/Treasurer are Ed Goedeken and Claudia Frazer. The candidates for Vice-President/President-Elect are Ellen Neuhaus and Stephen Dew.

Membership Committee

Ellen Neuhaus reported that there are currently 182 members of ILA/ACRL, with 38 being new members. It is easier to keep records now that Laurie Hews sends out membership information in spreadsheet format. The Committee is sending Letters to the new members, informing them about the Web page, the listserv, and their ability to volunteer for various committees, etc. Neuhaus recommended that the Committee get a list of Iowa members from ACRL. Campagna moved that the Executive Board support the idea of getting the list and pay up to \$50 for it; Jean Donham seconded; and the motion passed.

Awards Committee

Campagna announced that a message would be sent out soon on the ILA/ACRL Listserv announcing the scholarships for Conference and encouraging applicants. New members will be sent a special email about the scholarships.

Directory Committee

Moore reported that Directories are now being sent out only upon request. There is a \$5 charge for copies sent to individuals or groups that are not members of ILA/ACRL. The membership list on the ILA/ACRL Web site continues to be updated.

ILA's Government Affairs Committee

Campagna moved that ILA/ACRL put in place a process to have a subdivision member on ILA's Governmental Affairs Committee; Ellen Neuhaus seconded; and the motion passed. Campagna moved that the By-Laws Task Force be reactivated to revise the By-Laws as necessary in order to submit recommendations to the Membership at the General Business Meeting at Conference. Donham seconded, and the motion passed.

Library Services Area (LSA) Report

Politz reported that LSAs are potential sources for collaborative efforts, especially in purchasing.

Questionpoint

A statewide cooperative effort to develop virtual reference services using Questionpoint or other software is in a holding pattern. One Board member suggested that it is a technology in search of users.

Archives

Dew will investigate how the ILA/ACRL archives are being handled at the University of Iowa and will report back at the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, October 10, in Des Moines-exact location and time to be announced later.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Stephen Dew, Secretary/Treasurer